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**Box PATENT APPLICATION**  
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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: MATRIX METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR SUPPLY CHAIN  
MANAGEMENT

Inventors: Achim Clemens, et al.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 41 pages, including cover sheet, 12 independent claims and 52 claims total.
2. Drawings - 8 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-11).
3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$710	\$ \$710.00
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Total Claims	52	-	20	32	x \$18	576.00
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4. A check for \$2,006.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

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\$1,296.00 additional claims fee.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60/193,693 filed March 31, 2000.

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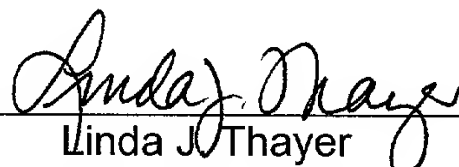
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due and  
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